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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (MRN 11449 VICE 1449)

E.O. 11652 XGDS-1  
TAGS: ESTC, COCOM, IT  
SUBJECT: REASSIGNMENT OF CURRENT COCOM CHAIRMAN

REF: PARIS 18713

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO INFORMATION CONCERNING  
REPORTED SHIFT BETWEEN INDELICATO AND REITANO, AND IT  
HAS NOT BROACHED SUBJECT WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY.  
IN ORDER TO ASSIST DEPARTMENT IN ASSESSING POSSIBLE  
CANDIDACY OF REITANO FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF COCOM, FOLLOW-  
ING INFORMATION MAY BE USEFUL.

2. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. FOLLOWING INFORMATION TAKEN  
FROM 1974 EDITION OF FOREIGN OFFICE BIOGRAPHIC REGISTRY:  
MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY GIORGIO REITANO, CHIEF OF  
OFFICE II, STATE CONTROLLED ECONOMIES, DIRECTORATE  
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GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, ITALIAN MFA, BORN ON  
DECEMBER 15, 1924. HOLDS DOCTORATE IN JURISPRUDENCE  
FROM UNIVERSITY OF ROME. ENTERED ITALIAN FOREIGN  
SERVICE JULY 28, 1956. HIS SUBSEQUENT ASSIGNMENTS/APPOINTMENTS  
ARE CHRONOLOGICALLY AS FOLLOWS:

AUG 20, 1957 DEPUTY SECOND CLASS COMMERCIAL ATTACHE

OCT 9, 1958 ASSIGNED TO NEW YORK  
DEC 21, 1960 DIRECTORATE GENERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS  
MAY 22, 1963 ASSIGNED TO MONTEVIDEO  
JULY 19, 1963 FIRST CLASS COMMERCIAL ATTACHE  
FEB 18, 1967 FIRST SECRETARY OF DELEGATION  
MAY 8, 1967 FIRST COMMERCIAL SECRETARY TO BANGKOK  
ITALIAN EMBASSY  
JUL 5, 1967 COUNSELOR OF DELEGATION  
MAY 25, 1969 FIRST COMMERCIAL SECRETARY ITALIAN EMBASSY  
IN WASHINGTON  
JUL 1, 1969 RECONFIRMED IN WASHINGTON AS A COMMERCIAL  
COUNSELOR  
JAN 1, 1971 EMBASSY COUNSELOR  
SEP 8, 1971 FIRST COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR IN OTTAWA  
REITANO WAS PROMOTED TO RANK OF MINISTER IN 1977.  
END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. EMBASSY ECONOMIC DEFESNE OFFICER HAS DEALT WITH  
REITANO FREQUENTLY DURING PAST 18 MONTHS, AND  
ECMIN HAS MET WITH HIM ON TWO OR THREE OCCASSIONS.  
EMBASSY'S OVERALL ASSESSMENT IS THAT TEITANO,  
WHILE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT COCOM AND ITS OPERATIONS,  
WOULD NOT BE GOOD CHOICE FOR COCOM CHAIRMANSHIP.  
ALTHOUGH INTELLIGENT, EFFICIENT AND APPARENTLY  
WELL DISPOSED TOWARD US, REITANO DOES NOT STRIKE  
US AS HAVING THE FORCEFULNESS AND IMAGINATION FOR  
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POSITION IN QUESTION. OUR IMPRESSION IS THATHE IS  
PASSIVE INDIVIDUAL, ABLE TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS  
BUT NOT THE TYPE TO VENTURE FAR BEYOND HIS SPECIFIC  
RESPONSIBILITIES. INDEED, REITANO WAS ONCE  
CONFIDENTIALLY DESCRIBED BY A JUNIOR OFFICER IN HIS  
OFFICE AS A "YES MAN" AND "A MAN AFRAID OF HIS  
OWN SHADOW."GARDNER

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